Regular meeting minutes of the  
*Council on Aging Board*  
Date: 3/13/2019  
Place: Senior Center                          Room: B07  
75 Groton Road, No. Chelmsford, MA 01824

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**Members present:** Fred Brusseau, Alan Fidler (by phone), Steve Flynn (by phone), Mary Gibson, Jennifer Hardy, Ruth I’Anson, Louise Myers, Ami O’Grady, Len Olenchak, Debra Siriani, Anne Smith, Dianne Sperry.  
**Members absent:** Paul Der Ananian, Bob Hamilton  
**Guests Present:** Diane Boisvert, applicant for associate member of COA.  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
**Minutes:** Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**  
- Atty Gen William Barr is cracking down on senior fraud.  
- Beacon Hill is deciding which bills they will work on in the current legislative year.  
- Boston Elder Affairs Commission has been renamed Boston Age-Strong Commission.

**FRIENDS’ REPORT**  
- Friends’ raised almost $2800 between their calendar raffle and a 50-50 raffle at Chowder Fest.  
- The next fundraiser is the Spaghetti Supper on April 24.  
- The Friends’ organization is having trouble recruiting new members or having people step up to run for office. On the other hand, the Ways and Means committee is rowing.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT**  
- Director Debi Siriani has requested a meeting with Elder Services to talk about their contract as we move forward. Their current funding of the lunch program is $1.10 per meal, and that funding has not been increased for 6 ½ years. They will also be discussing the reimbursement level for the social day program, which is currently $32/day.
• Staffing: One of the newly hired substitute bus drivers resigned after deciding to move a distance away.
• Budget is on track.
• Monthly televised talks directed at seniors have been planned. First one was on emergency preparedness.
• Volunteer Fair was postposed to March 23 because of the weather.
• The building inspector has approved the installation of an electronic sign.

NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN
• The resignation of Nickie Bischoff created an opening on the board. Both Jennifer Hardy and Ami O’Grady have applied for the position. A vote will take place at the April meeting.
• At the June meeting, we will be re-electing officers and re-nominating members whose terms have expired. In addition, we will be approving the updated Perspectives document. Members are asked to make a special effort to attend this meeting (scheduled for June 12).

NEXT MEETING: WED., APRIL 10, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ruth I’Anson, Recording Secretary